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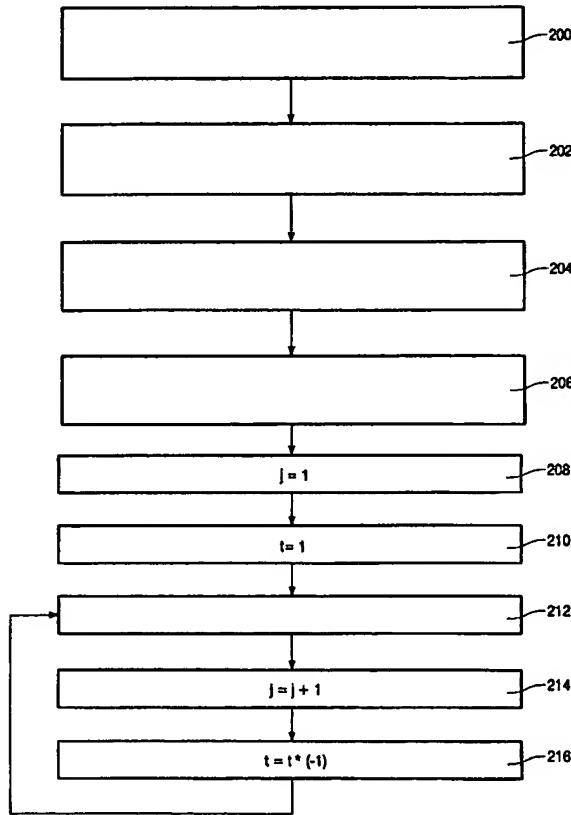
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method of synthesizing a signal comprising the steps of: a) providing of a first signal having first periods of a first type and second periods of a second type in an alternating sequence, b) selecting of one of the pitch bells for a first one of the required pitch bell locations by identifying the nearest neighboring period of the first one of the required pitch bell locations being of the first type, and selecting of the pitch bell of the identified period, c) selecting of one of the pitch bells for a second one of the required pitch bell locations by identifying a nearest neighboring period of the second one of the required pitch bell locations having the second type, and selecting the pitch bell of the identified period, whereby the steps b) and c) are carried out for all of the required pitch bell locations.

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